

August 30, 2018

The Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt
United States Federal District Court
Courtroom #344
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Honorable Tanya Walton Pratt,

I was asked to write a letter on the behalf of David Cox and to list how I know him and his character. I have known David for many years but have been friends for several. I myself do not list many people as a friend but I do David. A friend to me is someone who is always willing to help you, who never judges you, and is standing next to you in good times and bad. I have seen David in his good times and bad times but know that the good far surpasses the bad. David has shown over and over the heart to help others without being asked or needing to be recognized for it. David has helped many in our small community, as a business owner, he has always put people first. David has given money, food, shelter, and the shirt off his back at times to help people in need. That's why I am proud to call David a friend and felt the need to write you. I have no doubt that if I was in a time of need David would be close.

As a young police officer, and currently the Sheriff in our community, I have watched and been part of David's kindness. Any event that our county would have, David would be around. David would always make sure first responders had food and water and never asked for anything in return. As a business owner David has called several times when an item or jewelry would be taken to his shop. David would simply say, "This was brought in and pawned, I think it was stolen. Can you get it back to the owner?" We would. That, to me, is Character. I ask the courts to keep this in mind when making your decision about David. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely



Jeff C. Howell

